



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety Seizes Over 6,300 Pounds of Marijuana During the Month of January

A number of traffic stops made by Highway Patrol Officers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) along with seizures made by Detectives assigned to the agency's Criminal Investigations Division resulted in the confiscation of over 6,300 pounds of marijuana during the month of January.

The traffic stops and seizures were made at various locations throughout the state.

"With the new year the battle to intercept drug couriers along the highways in Arizona continues. We are just as determined to take illegal drugs off the streets as drug couriers are to get their product through the state," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Most of the marijuana seizures came after canines with DPS or the U.S. Border Patrol were used to search vehicles.

The largest seizure made by DPS came on January 25<sup>th</sup> when 1,157 pounds of marijuana was seized near Sonoita.

As a result of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona are becoming safer places to live.

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